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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 16, 2005**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

**Dear Sir:**

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated June 16, 2005 (the "Office Action") in the above referenced patent application after careful consideration to address the issues raised therein and to highlight why the case is believed to be in condition for allowance:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.**

**A petition extending the period for response is submitted herewith.**